NURSING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES

Council Chamber, Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S. W., England, Monday, July 19, 1909, at 11 A.M.

The Chair will be taken by the president or her representative at 11 A.M.

Order of Business.

Address of welcome and watchword until next meeting. Reports from Federated Councils:

- 1. Great Britain and Ireland, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.
- 2. United States of America, Miss Nutting.
- 3. Germany, Frl. Karll.

Admission to membership of the National Councils of Holland, Finland, Denmark, and Canada.

Presentation of the presidents of councils and credentials of delegates.

Election of officers for the next quinquennial period.

Amendments to the constitution and by-laws:

- To substitute the word "may" for "shall" in regard to the honorary presidency.
- 2. To substitute "two" for "four" delegates from each country.
- 3. To change times of meetings from every five to every three years (amendment submitted unanimously).

Resolutions.

 Supporting the enfranchisement of women and congratulating the women of Norway and Sweden on their recent victories.

Other resolutions will be placed upon the order of business as they are received and passed upon.

Selection of next meeting place.

New business.

The program of the International Council proper is to be distinguished from that of the Congress, which will follow on the three days, the 20th-23d of July. The Council meeting is official, the Congress general. The program of the Congress promises to be of unusual interest, and it is hoped that nurses will be present in great numbers. No credentials are required for the Congress, but members of the International Council will be presented with a badge and will have their seats reserved on the day of the business session.

LAVINIA L. DOCK, Secretary.

NATIONAL

ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretaries of all affiliated associations are requested to send, not *later* than *April 1*, names and addresses of delegates who will represent their associations at the Associated Alumnæ meeting in June. If there has been a change

of secretary or if an address has been changed which has not been published in the JOURNAL, it should be reported promptly, otherwise important communications will go astray.

193 Frederick St., Detroit, Mich.

SARAH E. SLY, Secretary.

To the affiliated state societies: As usual, all reports pertaining to state work will be condensed and incorporated in the inter-state secretary's report at the Minneapolis meeting.

Will the secretaries kindly see that brief reports of the work accomplished since the San Francisco meeting are sent not later than April 15?

193 Frederick St., Detroit,

SARAH E. SLY, Inter-State Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston.—The midwinter meeting of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association was held in Boston, on January 15. Over one hundred nurses were present and a good deal of enthusiasm was manifested. Miss Riddle, the president, presided and said the association has grown into the habit of presenting a bill to the Legislature each year and, in order to carry out that habit, a meeting had been called to discuss the proposed bill and get the advice of our friends. The first speakers, Representative Norman H. White, Dr. Herbert B. Howard, and Honorable John L. Bates, were in favor of a bill demanding two years' training in a hospital, but thought it would be difficult to get such a bill passed, as it involves a principle which Massachusetts has always refused to put into law. Doctors, lawyers, and others who have asked for state registration in Massachusetts, have not been able to get a law demanding that applicants be graduates of any special school, or that they take any special course, but only that they pass the required examination. The association was told that the problem which confronts the nurses of Massachusetts is: Whether to insist on having a bill which they think is right, or to be willing to take the best one they can get passed, and afterward try to amend it. They were advised to accept the best legislation now obtainable, as they felt sure the state would make it better in the future. The association was fortunate in having Sophia F. Palmer as a guest, for she strengthened its determination to ask for what it thinks is right. She said that, personally, she did not believe in making too many concessions, and advised the nurses to stand by their guns and be defeated until they can get the bill as they want it, for no board of examiners can judge of a woman's thoroughness and trustworthiness or manual dexterity. Miss Palmer's remarks were received with applause. Each of the speakers emphasized the value of individual work. After the meeting adjourned a collation was served.

THE BOSTON NURSES' CLUB has had some interesting and valuable lectures this winter as follows: January 7, "Spinal Meningitis," Dr. Charles Hunter Dunn; January 21, "The Guild of St. Barnabas as One Safeguard against Commercial Tendencies," Rev. Alexander Mann, D.D.; February 4, "Some Things We should Know about the Nose and Throat," an illustrated lecture, Dr. William E. Chenery; February 18, "Finance," Dr. Eliza T. Ransom. Subjects to be presented are: March 4, "Parliamentary Law," Mary M. Riddle; March 18, "Bacterial Vaccine," Dr. Rogers Lee; April 1, "School Nursing," Dr. Margaret Carley.

THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL held its graduating exercises on the evening of February 16 at the hospital, the principal address being given by Dr. Maurice H. Richardson. A reception followed at the Out-Patient Department. The nurses' alumnæ association of the hospital gave a birthday tea on February 23 at the Thayer Library, the proceeds to be used as a nest egg for the sick relief fund.

Rutland.—The State Sanatorium in its annual report, at the end of ten years of service, makes an appeal for funds for a nurses' home, capable of accommodating twenty-five. Of the 230 incipient cases discharged during the year, over 33 per cent. were apparently cured, in over 46 per cent. the disease was arrested, over 17 per cent. were improved, and only 3 per cent. showed no improvement.

RHODE ISLAND

Providence.—The Alumnæ Association of the Rhode Island Hospital has issued a report of its work for 1908, which gives clearly and in an interesting way an account of the meetings held, giving both the social and business sides. The report includes the by-laws of the association and lists of officers and members. The association was founded in 1896. It maintains a room for sick nurses and a sick benefit fund. Meetings are held at the homes of the members. The president is Miss Fleming; the secretary, Miss Fitzpatrick, 17 Jenkins Street.

CONNECTICUT

Danbury.—The Graduate Nurses' Association of Connecticut held its regular quarterly meeting in Danbury on February 3, Martha J. Wilkinson, president, in the chair. Dr. Keeler, of Danbury, gave an address of welcome. The subject of the meeting was "Tuberculosis" and Miss Wilkinson gave a talk on the work as carried on in Hartford, both in the institutions and by the visiting nurses. Her complete familiarity with every phase of the work makes her handling of the subject most instructive. Winifred Ahn, of the Bridgeport Hospital Training School, gave a practical talk on "How Can the Tubercular Case best be Cared for in the Small General Hospital?" Miss Ahn showed that practical common sense in adapting the means to the end would result in effective care of the tubercular case without detriment to other cases, nurses, or help. Other papers were read by Miss E. A. Somers, of Waterbury, and Mary Macauley, of Danbury. Mrs. E. Baldwin Lockwood was appointed delegate to the Associated Alumnæ convention to be held at St. Paul in June. The sum of \$50.00 was voted for delegate's expenses. Dr. Keeler, of Danbury, gave a brief talk on diet and disinfection in tuberculosis. The Danbury Association of Nurses gave a tea at the close of the meeting. The annual meeting of the association will be held at the New Haven Hospital on May 5.

NEW YORK

New York City .--

| CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOSPITAL ECONOMICS FUND. | |
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| Previously acknowledged\$8 | 943.90 |
| Endowment Fund: | |
| Virginia nurses | 25.00 |
| Good Samaritan Alumnæ Association, Los Angeles, Cal | 25.00 |
| Brooklyn (N. Y.) Homcopathic Alumnee Association | 20.00 |

| Graduate Nurses' | Association | of | Dayton | (Ohio) | and | |
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| vicinity | | | | | | \$25.00 |
| Helen Balcom | | | | | | 5.00 |
| Miss Hurlbut | | | | | | 10.00 |
| Current expenses: | | | | | * | 9053.90 |
| Interest on Invest | ment | | | • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • | | \$100.00 |
| Mt. Sinai Alumnæ | Association | | | | | 100.00 |
| St. Luke's (New Yo | ork) Alumnæ | As | sociation | | | 25.00 |
| Mary A. Samuel | | | | | | |
| Sarah J. Graham. | | | | | | 5.00 |

By error, the contributions from nurses of Colorado, Maine General Hospital Alumnæ, Graduate Nurses' Associations of New Hampshire, and Indiana, amounting to \$299.10, which had been already acknowledged in the June, 1908, Journal, were again recorded in the January list. This explains the discrepancy between the balance given there and that above as "previously acknowledged."

The students have recently been very much interested in a lecture given by Susan Tracy, a former student in the Hospital Economics Course, who has been for some years making a special study of invalid occupations and has as a result developed something which is unique in its field and should prove of great value to nurses. Her talk was illustrated by a very interesting exhibit, showing the different articles and materials which she uses in the work.*

She takes the ground that, as a general thing, there is no one but the nurse to regulate the daily life of the patient and to provide for him occupation or amusement. She has devised a variety of occupations for the sick of all ages, from the small child to the elderly man or woman, suitable for many conditions of illness and for prolonged convalescence. Much ingenuity has been shown in devising occupation for the child in the poor house where there is little material to utilize and no money; also for cases of contagious disease, where, during convalescence, articles must be used which can be destroyed or sterilized. For older, active-minded boys and girls, where a certain amount of mental effort is desired, various interesting forms of decoration—stencilling, etc.—are taught. In some instances the articles are of a nature which might very well be sold, and thus prove helpful to the needy patient who has gone through a long illness.

It is impossible to do more than touch upon the general scope and purpose of the lecture, but Miss Tracy's talk, which was greatly enjoyed not only by the Hospital Economics students, but by other students in the college, suggests a large field which Miss Tracy has made practically her own up to the present. In the hospital of whose training school Miss Tracy is the head, occupation is prescribed for the patient, very much as medicine might be. The patient carries into the workshops a prescription defining the nature of the work which he is to do and the length of time which is to be occupied in doing it, and he does his work there under careful supervision.

^{*} A full description of Miss Tracy's work may be found in the JOURNAL for December, 1907.

On the evening of the same day Miss Tracy repeated her talk before the students of the Training School of the Presbyterian Hospital.

A valuable addition to the regular courses in the college and the university comes in the shape of a new course of lectures on "Sanitary Science and Public Health," which is being given under the auspices of the university at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, during the second half term. It is proposed ultimately to establish a School of Sanitary Science and Public Health, and this course of lectures forms the first step in that direction. Some of the subjects dealt with are the methods of transmission and methods of prevention of communicable disease; factors influencing the health and death-rate of cities; infant mortality and its reduction; school hygiene and sanitation; industrial hygiene and sanitation; factory inspection and dangerous trades; together with such practical subjects as tenement house sanitation; quarantine and disinfection; street cleaning, garbage collection and disinfection; and all subjects are treated by experts eminent in their special fields. It is interesting to note in the course a lecture by Richard Clarke Cabot, of Harvard, on "Visiting Nursing and its Influence on the Prevention of Disease." As many of the Hospital Economics students as are free attend these lectures, but this year, unfortunately, they conflict in some measure with a required subject.

ADELAIDE NUTTING,
Director of Hospital Economics.

THE ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF THE NEW YORK CITY MILK DEPOTS has arranged for a series of lectures on "Infant Feeding and Infant Hygiene," to be held in Assembly Hall, United Charities Building, 105 East 22d Street. Doctors, nurses, social workers and others interested are welcome. The lecture hour is 3 P.M. Subjects and dates are: "Value of Fats in Infant Feeding," John Howland, M.D., March 3; "Infant Feeding, its Relation to Infant Mortality," Jos. E. Winters, M.D., March 13; "Value of Carbohydrates in Infant Feeding," Henry Dwight Chapin, M.D., March 26; "Milk Sanitation," Rowland G. Freeman, M.D., April 14; "Hygiene of Infancy," Wm. P. Northrup, M.D., April 23; "Dietary of Children after the First Year," L. E. LaFetra, M.D., April 30.

The Board of Managers of Bellevue Training School has offered to the alumnæ association the old nurses' home, at 426 East 26th Street, for a clubhouse, as soon as the school moves into the new building. The managers will retain the title to the property, the alumnæ association paying a nominal rental. The building will be remodelled, and steam heat put in. The only condition is that the association maintain a dining room, of which the graduate nurses working at the hospital are given the privilege, such as the social service and tuberculosis nurses. If the plan proves a success, the building may be enlarged later.

DR. SMITH, OF HARTFORD HOSPITAL, is to come to Bellevue as superintendent of the hospital. Dr. Smith's appointment is doubly interesting from the fact that his wife is a trained nurse.

THE MT. SINAI ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION at its January meeting elected the following officers: president, Laura R. Logan, R.N., Mt. Sinai Hospital; vice-president, Rose L. Johnson, R.N.; corresponding secretary, Elona N. Underwood, R.N., 54 Morningside Ave.; assistant corresponding secretary, H. Gellnor, R.N.; recording secretary, E. Elliott, R.N.; treasurer, S. Shilliday, R.N., 102 E. 61st Street; assistant treasurer, J. Greenthal, R.N. Directors: S. W. Newman, R.N., Frida L. Hartman, R.N., Mrs. Scott, R.N.

Miss DeWolff, for some time a member of the Nurses Settlement, has taken a position as social service nurse for Mt. Sinai Hospital. Miss Johnson and Miss Forbes, also formerly settlement workers, and nurses, have been appointed to some new and interesting work under the New York Education Association, a voluntary body. They study the environment and home and living conditions of children who cause anxiety to the teachers, and also study the children themselves with care, being for this purpose admitted to the class-rooms, the purpose of their work being to discover causes which may lead to delinquency and so prevent children from going far enough to fall into the hands of the truant officer. It is purely social work, not taking up the physical causes which are watched over by the public school nurses. It calls for great delicacy and intelligence, and is deeply absorbing.

A LETTER written by a private duty nurse complains with just indignation of the conditions of many commercial registries in New York which not only charge the usual registry fee but also exact 10 per cent. of all the nurse earns. Is it possible that it is legally allowable for such extortion to be practised? How long will it be before the private duty nurses of New York City put an end to this by taking the control of the whole business of registries themselves?

Brooklyn.—The Brooklyn Hospital Training-school Alumnæ Association held its monthly and annual meeting at the training school on February 2. The reports from the secretary, treasurer and chairman of the Club-house Committee were very satisfactory, showing increased interest in all alumnæ affairs. Fourteen new members have joined the association during the year, making the membership 139. Nine have received sick benefits, and all made a good recovery from illness. The principal amount of the invested funds of the association is nearly \$10,000.

THE BROOKLYN HOMGOPATHIC HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION elected the following officers at its annual meeting: president, Sarah A. Egan, 126 Greene Avenue; vice-president, Emma L. Park; secretary, Stella M. Healy, 126 Greene Avenue; treasurer, Imogene Pearn; auditor, Mary Griswold.

Yonkers.—MISS BIDMEAD, recently at the S. R. Smith Infirmary, is to take charge of St. John's Hospital.

Albany.—The superintendents of training schools for nurses in the Hudson Valley met January 6, in Albany, on the invitation of Miss Alline and formed an organization for training-school progress. The objects of the association are to promote the interests of training schools and the nursing profession, consider ways and means for such movements, secure uniform methods, and discuss questions of interest, and to promote professional intercourse among those engaged in training-school work in this section of New York.

The following were present: Anna L. Alline, R.N., State Inspector of Training Schools; Miss Root, Gloversville; Miss Caddy, Oneonta; Miss Schulz, Saratoga; Mrs. Alvis, Cohoes; Miss Brown, Hudson; Miss Arnold, Troy; Miss Littlefield, Schenectady; Sister Rose Hopkins, Troy; Sister Mary Cyril, Troy: Miss Taylor, Albany; Miss Jackson, Schenectady. The association is to be composed of the training-school superintendents or their representative. The meetings are to be informal and will be held on the second Saturday of every other month, at the different hospitals represented, each member in turn entertaining the organization, presiding at the meeting and providing the subjects for discussion. Esther T. Jackson, of Schenectady, was elected secretary of

the association for one year. The program for the March meeting will be a discussion on dictetics following a review by Miss Carpenter of Pope and Carpenter's Dietetics. The new syllabus, just issued by the State Board of Regents, will also be discussed.

Each member gave a short sketch of the hospital and training school she represented. The meeting adjourned to meet in Cohoes, N. Y., March 13, 1909. A social hour and refreshments concluded a most enjoyable afternoon.

Syracuse.—The Alumnæ Association of the Hospital of the Good Shepherd held its regular meeting at the nurses' home on January 28. After the transaction of business, Irene M. Johnson gave an account of her last summer's European trip. A social hour followed.

THE CLASS OF 1910 gave a demonstration of some practical methods to members of the medical and nursing professions on January 26.

MARY E. SHEEHAN has accepted a position in a tuberculosis ward at Bellevue. Pearl Beecher left on January 13 for the Presidio to take up army nursing. Julia Domser and Catherine Walters are spending the winter with patients in California.

Rochester.—The Homgeopathic Hospital is instituting in a small way a department for social service, which will be enlarged if it proves successful. Miss Toohill, who has been employed with Miss Lombard by the Public Health Association in district and sociological work among tubercular patients, will take up this new work.

THE HOMGEOPATHIC HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION held its quarterly meeting on February 2. Reports for the year of the Relief Committee and the Allerton Memorial Committee were read. The removal of the registry from the hospital was discussed. Ten nurses volunteered to help Miss Toohill in the social settlement work connected with the dispensary. Three members joined the association. At a social meeting held February 9 a variety shower was given for Maude Wilson, R.N.

THE ROCHESTER CITY HOSPITAL has received a gift of \$400,000 from Mr. Eastman which will be used for new buildings.

NEW JERSEY

Orange.—The Alumnæ Association of the Orange Training School held its regular meeting on January 20. The question of sending a delegate to the next convention of the Associated Alumnæ was discussed, and correspondence relating to various subjects was read. Several means were suggested by which the funds of the association could be increased, among them being the payment of higher dues and private subscriptions.

Newark.—Lillian M. Forsythe, class of 1907. Seney Hospital, Brooklyn, has accepted the position of superintendent of the Newark Private Hospital.

Paterson.—The Alumne Association of the Paterson General Hospital held its regular meeting at the hospital on February 2. Sixteen active members answered the roll call. After the business meeting, Miss Dock spoke on the relation of the woman's suffrage movement to nursing. She portrayed the frightful condition of nursing in countries where there is no movement of women toward suffrage, showing how much is due the pioneers of the woman movement. Over forty nurses were present to hear Miss Dock. A social time followed.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia.—The International Tuberculosis Exhibition which has been seen in Washington and New York, was opened on February 15 to continue until March 15, under the auspices of the Department of Public Health and Charities. Lectures will be given on special days to special classes of the community.

The Alumnæ Association of the Presbyterian Hospital presents a semiannual report as follows: Monthly meetings have been held with an average attendance of twenty-five. At the November meeting, Mrs. Graham, of Kadoli, India, gave an address concerning her work among orphans. The association has been sending an annual donation for the support of four children. In December, Dr. Howard M. Anders spoke on "Ride Not a Single Hobby." In January, Mrs. M. W. Sloan gave a practical demonstration of the modification of cow's milk, and Miss Kneeland, of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, spoke on "Current Events." At the February meeting, the report of Sarah Crossett, who had been sent to the Journal stock-holders' meeting, was read.

THE ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL held a fair in the Assembly Hall of the hospital in December for the benefit of a fund for its sick members, which was most successful financially and socially.

The annual and social meeting of the association took place in the nurses' home, January 20, the members of the graduating class attending as guests. The following members were elected to office for the ensuing year: president, Alice M. Garrett; vice-president, Anna C. Garrett; secretary, Elizabeth L. Powell; treasurer, Martha Smith.

It is with regret that the association accepts the resignation of Emma C. Lindberg who has served most faithfully as secretary for four years.

L. A. Gibeson, class of 1900, hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, has accepted the position of superintendent and head nurse of the Oncologic Hospital. Marie Rose, class of 1905, has been appointed anæsthetist in the University Hospital.

Allegheny.—The Allegheny General Hospital Nurses' Alumnæ Association held its regular meeting at the hospital, February 1. The president appointed the following committees for the year: Social Committee, Misses Chaytor, Shontz, Limberg, Brown, Chatham, and Wallace; Sick Committee, Misses Gibson and Limberg; committee to look after delinquent members, Misses Gibson and Chaytor; committee on resolution of condolence, Miss Hackbart, with privilege to choose her assistants.

Mrs. Mary Linn, class of 1896, Allegheny General Hospital, has been appointed district nurse for the Soho Baths Settlement House of Pittsburg.

Pittsburg.—SARA D. FARROLL class of 1900, Chicago Hospital Training School, has accepted the position of superintendent of nurses at the Montesiore Hospital.

South Bethlehem.—The thirty-fifth annual report of St. Luke's Hospital tells of the importance to the hospital and community of the new pathological laboratory which was opened last July. A new pavilion has been recently completed for the Lehigh University students. During the year 1147 patients were treated in the hospital, more than one-third of these being employees of railroads, furnaces, mills, mines and quarries. Two nurses were graduated from the training school in the fall. Victoria White, who was for

seventeen years superintendent of nurses, is now assistant superintendent of the navy nurse corps; she is succeeded by Marie Schley Brown.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington.—The Nurses' Examining Board of the District of Columbia will hold examination of applicants May 3 and 4, 1909. All applications must be in before April 15. Apply to the secretary.

KATHERINE DOUGLASS, Secretary, 320 East Capitol Street.

AT THE CONFERENCE FOR THE STUDY OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN held in the District, the ladies of the Congressional Club gave a reception, at which Jane Addams, of Chicago, and Lillian D. Wald, of New York, were the guests of honor. The conference adopted resolutions which may be summed up as follows: That the particular conditions and needs of each destitute child should be carefully studied and he should receive that care and treatment which his individual needs require. Such care and treatment should be as nearly like the life of other children of the community as possible. The conference asked President Roosevelt to send a message to Congress urging favorable action upon the bill for a Federal Children's Bureau.

THE HEALTH OFFICE recommends to the commissioners the appointment of a chief medical inspector of schools, eighteen medical inspectors and six school nurses.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS has organized a class of ten persons at Neighborhood House, supported by a local society composed of ladies of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, at a cost of about \$1000 per year. Dr. Randolph has the class in charge and is assisted by a practical nurse. A class for colored patients will be formed in the near future, which the society hopes some other local church will support. Free clinics are held every morning at the headquarters of the society on G Street and in the evening at Neighborhood House. The society has affiliation with four of the largest hospitals in the city where the patients are sent for the clinic instruction.

THE COLUMBIAN WOMEN have set Monday of each week for nurses' day at their house, 1536 I Street. On February 1, Miss Strubel, superintendent of the George Washington University Training School, was hostess.

A NIGHT CLINIC has been opened by the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in the Free Dispensary for Consumptives. The hours are from 8 to 9.30 o'clock. This is to accommodate persons who must work and cannot get away to attend the regular afternoon clinics. Examinations are made and treatment given free of charge to those who cannot afford to pay.

MARYLAND

Baltimore.—THE MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE Nurses held its sixth annual meeting on the afternoons of January 27 and 28, in the Arundell Assembly Rooms. There was a large attendance at both meetings.

The first session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Donald Guthrie of the First Presbyterian Church. The president, Miss Parsons, in her annual address spoke briefly concerning some of the questions uppermost in the minds of the nurses in the field to-day, and closed her remarks with these words: "Let us

remember that circumstances are always changing; conditions that met the needs of yesterday will not satisfy to-day. The customs of to-day must yield to the demand of to-morrow—thus progress is attained." Then followed the annual business session. Reports from the various committees showed that much good work had been accomplished. Helen C. Bartlett, chairman of the Committee on Almshouse Investigation, showed in her report that considerable work had been accomplished by this committee in assisting Dr. Herring, secretary of The State Lunacy Commission, in the campaign now being waged in Maryland to secure state care for the indigent insane. One of the most important reports in the business session was that of the Central Directory Committee, after which the state society voted to instruct the Central Directory Committee for 1909 to proceed to establish a Central Directory in the new medical and chirurgical building, sometime during the coming year. The meeting then adjourned to the parlors of the Arundell Club where tea was served by the Johns Hopkins Hospital Nurses' Alumnæ Association.

On the following day luncheon was served at the New St. James Hotel at one o'clock. At three o'clock the meeting was called to order in the assembly reoms of the Arundell Club, and the principal address of the afternoon was by Janet E. Richards, Washington, D. C., who spoke on "Woman's Work in the World To-day." Miss Richards spoke very interestingly of the many phases of the work of women in the world to-day and gave the nurses a very comprehensive idea of how wide and how far the work extends. Then followed the election of officers: president, Georgina C. Ross; vice-presidents, Nettie L. Flanagan, Elizabeth G. Price; secretary, Sarah F. Martin, Robert Garrett Hospital; treasurer, Nannie J. Lackland, 1406 Park Avenue. Members of the Board for two years: Misses Marie A. Gorter, A. M. French, and Eleanor Parker. Members of the Board for one year, Misses Mary C. Packard, Mary E. Lent and Alice M. Woodward.

SARAH F. MARTIN, R.N., Secretary.

THE UNIVERSITY ALUMN.E ASSOCIATION had a benefit night at Ford's Theatre on February 9, and in spite of inclement weather the house was packed and the returns gratifying.

AUGUSTA RUSSELL, a recent graduate of University Hospital, has accepted the position of superintendent of nurses at the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Labellasville. Emma Wright, class of 1908, has charge of the operating room at the University Hospital, Miss Garin having resigned to take up private nursing. Miss Gaskill has recovered from a serious operation and long painful illness resulting from an accident received while in discharge of her professional duties.

CAROLINE VAN BLARCOM, class of 1901, Johns Hopkins, has taken charge of a tuberculosis sanitarium about to be opened in New Bedford, Mass.

SARA PARSONS, formerly of McLean Hospital, and for several years superintendent of nurses at Sheppard-Pratt Insane Hospital, Towson, has resigned and expects to take up private nursing.

Anna Zang, class of 1908, St. Joseph's Training School, has been made head nurse in the Hebrew Hospital.

WEST VIRGINIA

Huntington.—The Cabell County Graduate Nurses' Association met on February 1 at Kessler Hospital. The directory for graduate nurses of the county was discussed and voted upon, votes of absent members being counted. It was decided to have the directory at the C. & O. Hospital with Miss Gaul as director. Registration matters were discussed, the occasion being an amendment to the bill now in force which had been introduced without the knowledge of the nurses of the state and which threatened to lower the standards. Resolutions of protest against such amendment were passed unanimously. Miss Morrison read a paper on "How I Prepared for an Emergency Operation in a Private House." The next meeting will be held with Miss Strain at Huntington Hospital. After the business session, visiting nurses were taken about the hospital. Two guests were present, Miss Rupert, of Richmond, and Miss Ellis, a graduate of Kessler Hospital.

NORTH CAROLINA

Winston-Salem.—L. EUGENIA HENDERSON, class of 1901 University of Maryland, has just completed a successful year as superintendent of Twin City Hospital.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia.—L. V. LARUE, Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia, is relieving Mrs. Mary C. Ferguson, superintendent of Columbia Hospital, while the latter takes a ten months' rest, which was much needed.

GEORGIA

Savannah.—The Alumnæ Association of the Park View Sanitarium held its second annual meeting on January 7, at the sanitarium. New officers were elected: president, Clara A. Mathiack; vice-president, Carrie G. Abbott; secretary and treasurer, Annie Janow; chairman of arrangements, Ella L. Symons. Business was followed by a pleasant social evening.

TENNESSEE

Memphis.—The Graduate Nurses' Association held its annual meeting on January 25, and elected the following officers: president, Sarah F. Woodward; vice-president, Corinne Buford; secretary-treasurer, Anna E. Benton; corresponding secretary, Ella Chisolm. This association was chartered in March, 1897.

OHIO

Cincinnati.—The Jewish Hospital Alumnæ Association held its regular meeting in the directors' room of the hospital on January 1. Those present expressed their willingness to arouse more interest in the Journal and gain new subscribers for it in accordance with the request made by the Nurses' Associated Alumnæ. After other business, Florence Williams read an excellent paper, "Relation of the Graduate to Her School, Fellow Nurses, and the Public." A charming letter was read from Mrs. Ilsen, the absent president of the association, describing her Christmas experiences.

At the February meeting, held on the 5th, the subject of an endowment fund was brought up and discussed. All present favored this, rather than a sick benefit fund. A letter was read from one of the graduates of the school, Fannie

Adler, who was visiting Naples at the time of the earthquake, describing the manner in which the wounded were received there.

Graduates of the Good Samaritan Hospital formed an alumnæ association at a meeting held at the hospital January 22. The officers elected were: president, Mrs. Mary Martin Brown; vice-presidents, E. Tully and M. Roddy; treasurer, Sister Mary Cyril; secretary, Josephine Heithaus, 4439 Tower Avenue, St. Bernard, Ohio. Meetings of a business and social nature will be held monthly.

Dayton.—The Graduate Nurses' Association of Dayton and Vicinity held a regular meeting on January 20 at the nurses' home, Miami Valley Hospital. Grace A. Greene gave a talk on Hamlet, her own interpretation, which was greatly enjoyed. A social hour concluded the meeting.

MINNESOTA

Brainerd.—The Alumnæ Association of the Northern Pacific Benevolent Association Training School was organized in October with the following officers: president, Mable Cole, Glendive, Montana; vice-presidents, Mary Gavin, Emma Clark; secretary and treasurer, Maude Manning, Daytona Beach, Florida. The association starts with eleven members, the school being still in its youth, having graduated five classes.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor.—The University of Michigan Nurses' Alumne Association held a meeting on January 30. The registration bill was discussed. Papers were read on "The Care a Nurse Should Take of Herself," by Miss Sillman; and "Entertaining the Wealthy Convalescent Patient," by Miss Easton. Application blanks for membership in the association have been sent to all graduates and will be given to pupils as they finish their course; by this means it is hoped to increase the membership. In response to Miss Dock's request, some one will be asked to speak to the association on woman's suffrage. The obstetrical department of the hospital has been enlarged by two cottages, having thirty beds.

MISS ABBOTT has taken up school nursing in Chicago. Three graduates of the class of 1908 are superintendents of nurses in small hospitals. Misses Davis, Tuomey, and Burke. Miss Gillespie is an assistant superintendent, and Miss Wortman has charge of a surgical ward in the University of Michigan Hospital.

ILLINOIS

Chicago.—Eva L. Denne, graduate of Kingston General Hospital, Canada, and former superintendent of the Samaritan Hospital, Sioux City, has been appointed to the position of assistant to the superintendent of nurses, Presbyterian Hospital. Mabel Adams, formerly a head nurse in the Presbyterian Hospital, has accepted the superintendency of Hope Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

METHA JORGENSEN, class of 1907, Augustana Hospital, was appointed assistant superintendent of nurses. Esther T. Jackson, class of 1904, has gone to Schenectady, N. Y., to take charge of Ellis Hospital Training School. Clara Kittleson, class of 1906, has been appointed surgical nurse at Ellis Hospital. Eva Nord has accepted a position as office nurse in Schenectady. Lucy Wood succeeded Miss Kittleson as assistant surgical nurse at Augustana Hospital. Victoria Carlson, class of 1908, has been appointed surgical nurse at Agatha Hospital,

Clinton, Ia. Agnes Nordby, W. Holmberg, Bertha Outzen and Anna Grover have received appointments on the Chicago visiting nurses' staff.

ADELE RICHARDS, class of 1908, Mercy Hospital, has gone to Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wisconsin, as surgical nurse. Catherine Maloney, class of 1904, has taken charge of the Kenosha Hospital, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Euphemia MacNeill, class of 1902, has accepted the position of superintendent of the Evansville Sanitarium, Evansville, Indiana. Geneveive Dyer, class of 1908, has accepted the position of superintendent of nurses in Mercy Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin.

INDIANA

STATE MEETING.—THE INDIANA STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION will hold its semi-annual meeting in Marion, on April 21 and 22, in the library building. It is very much desired, at this same time and place, to have a meeting of the superintendents of all hospitals and training schools of the state for the purpose of organizing for mutual help and improvement to themselves and their several institutions. The program is not yet complete but good things are promised, professional and social. This is the first meeting to be held in Marion and a good attendance is hoped for.

Indianapolis.—The Indianapolis City Hospital Alumnæ Association held its bimonthly meeting at the hospital on January 5. No business needing attention, the time was spent in a social hour and in hemming napkins for the room for sick nurses. Great sorrow was expressed at the death of Miss Wheeler, a member of the first class graduating from the training school, then the Flower Mission Training School. Many regrets were also expressed at the resignation of the newly-elected president, Josephine M. Gerin, who has resigned her position as chief operating room nurse at the hospital to become chief nurse at the French Lick Springs Sanitarium. The next regular meeting will be held at the hospital on the afternoon of March 9.

GRACE LETTS, class of 1907, Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, has been appointed night supervisor at the Deaconess's Hospital.

Richmond.—CORA V. NIFER, class of 1902, Indianapolis City Hospital, who has been for two years assistant superintendent of the Reed Memorial Hospital, has accepted the position of chief operating room nurse of the Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis.

COLORADO

Denver.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLORADO STATE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION was held in the assembly hall of the Young Men's Christian Association Building on February 11 and 12. The afternoon of the 11th was devoted to the following program:

Invocation and address of welcome, Rev. David Utter. Paper, "The Sixth International Congress on Tuberculosis," Dr. R. W. Corwin, Pueblo; read by Miss L. A. Beccroft. Paper, "A History of School Nursing," Miss L. L. Rogers, Pueblo. Address, "Pure Food," Hon. Wilbur F. Cannon, Denver. A musical program was interspersed.

The business session was called to order on February 12 by Miss Beecroft, the president. Reports showed a steady progress in the work of the association. The Boulder County Association and the Colorado Alumnæ Association were accepted as affiliated members. Mary B. Eyre was elected chairman of the Legislative Committee to watch for any adverse legislation that might come up

during the present session. Louise Perrin was elected delegate to the Associated Alumnæ and Laura A. Beccroft to the Federation of Women's Clubs. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Mary Thurston, Boulder; vice-president, Clara Stuevens, Denver; secretary, Louise Perrin, Denver; treasurer, Marguerite Bullene, Denver; new member on board of directors, Laura Beccroft. The association endorsed Mary B. Eyre for reappointment on the State Board of Examiners. Lunch was served to the members in the café of the new Y. M. C. A. Building.

Louise Perrin, Secretary.

OKLAHOMA

Guthrie.—Martia Randall, R.N., secretary of the Oklahoma State Association, has taken charge of the Methodist Hospital, an institution of twenty beds, with eight nurses in training. "A small institution with a big future." More executive workers are needed in Oklahoma.

WYOMING

Sheridan.—A MEETING OF GRADUATE NURSES was held in Sheridan on November 30, 1908, for the purpose of effecting an association of the graduate nurses of the state of Wyoming. There were present eight nurses. The time of this meeting was given to the discussion of the detail of an organization, the purpose of which was to be the securing of laws regulating the profession of nursing; the establishing of reciprocity between the nurses of Wyoming and other states, and the furtherance of all means aiming to elevate the standard of the nursing profession. After discussion and consideration of various ideas, Martha A. Converse, as chairman of the meeting, appointed a committee of three, Minnie Weed, Georgia Glidden and Mrs. W. A. Miller, to frame a constitution and by-laws. The meeting was then adjourned to meet on December 4 for the adoption of the constitution and by-laws and the election of officers.

At the second meeting the constitution and by-laws prepared by the committee were adopted and the following officers elected: president, Martha A. Converse, superintendent of the State Training Schools, Rock Springs; vice-president, Margaret A. Farrell; secretary, Mrs. Amy E. Miller, Sheridan; treasurer, Nell M. Martin, Sheridan. Mrs. Agnes E. Kane, Mrs. Geo. W. Perry and Georgia Glidden, all of Sheridan, were appointed as a Committee of Ways and Means, and Minnie Weed, of Sheridan, Hattie Grant, of Cheyenne, and Mrs. Jas. E. Mills, of Rock Springs, as a Committee of Membership.

Much time and discussion were then given the consideration and framing of a bill for the state registration of nurses to be presented at the next session of the Legislature, January, 1909. The passage of this bill will be of much importance in protecting the nursing profession from the incompetent, ignorant and unscrupulous, to whom the work of nursing now offers a fair field with no restrictions. It is estimated that the number of untrained women (consisting to some extent of rejected probationers and dismissed pupils), who are actively engaged in the work of nursing is nearly three times as great as the regularly qualified nurses.

The chief benefit of this bill, however, will be to the physicians and to the public, in furnishing them with means of discriminating between ability and incompetency, in supplying a guarantee that those who are known as registered

nurses have furnished satisfactory evidence to the state of their fitness and ability to give efficient care to the sick. It will inevitably result in improvement in the education and the training of nurses, but will in no way affect any person nursing the sick who does not assume to be a trained or registered nurse. It will, however, make it impossible for such persons to stand, as they do at present, on exactly the same basis as the nurse who has given two or three years of hard work and study to obtain her profession.

The association, in preparing the bill, has done so with the hope of establishing such standards as will enable a nurse registered in Wyoming to command recognition and respect anywhere.

The meeting then adjourned, with each member interested in carrying out the purpose of the association.

WASHINGTON

Seattle.—The Bill for Registration.—Not only the members of the King County Graduate Nurses' Association but all the nurses of the state are watching with interest the present session of the State Legislature, for they hold "our bill" in their hands. It is known in Olympia as House Bill No. 18. Laura Mac-Millan, secretary of the state association, has gone to the capitol to assist Mrs. R. E. Buchanan, the able wife of the legislator who has stood sponsor for the bill, in lobbying.

At a meeting of the Executive Board of the King County association held at the Seattle General Hospital January 23, it was voted that Mrs. A. W. Hawley and the Executive Board should be the Legislative Committee, the same to meet with Miss MacMillan every Saturday during the session of the Legislature and help with her work as much as possible.

MRS. EDITH M. HICKEY, one of the Scattle school nurses, during the annual session of the Washington Educational Association held in Spokane, December 29-31, delivered two addresses on her work, one entitled "The Trained Nurse in the Public School," being a history of school nursing; and the other, "The Work of the School Nurse." Both addresses were followed by demonstrations of the work. Mr. Watson, superintendent of the Spokane schools, provided a class of children and a teacher. A great interest in this phase of education was created and many of the prominent educators of the state expressed the desire to see nurses in all the schools as soon as possible.

THE KING COUNTY ASSOCIATION during the month of June, 1908, affiliated with the Seattle Federation of Women's Clubs. It sent six delegates to the federation, three of whom are on important committees. This affiliation has been a great help and impetus to the nurses and they in turn will be a help to the federation.

MISS M. BAKENHUS, one of the charter members of the state association, sailed for Japan January 28, to make her future home. She carried the congratulations and best wishes of the association to her new home.

KING COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The bill for registration was the chief topic of discussion at the regular meeting, held at the Graduate Nurses' Club on February 1. Miss Loomis, the president, reported the progress of the bill in Olympia and told of Miss MacMillan's work for it. Much personal work is being done by the nurses. The members learned with much sadness of the death of Miss G. V. Carlisle, of Tacoma. She was one of the State Councillors and had

endeared herself to the King County nurses by her devotion to the bill and her royal welcome at the annual meeting last June.

SEATTLE'S NEW EMERGENCY HOSPITAL is to open March 1 with Mary Schiach, a graduate of Scattle General Hospital, as superintendent and Miss Colton, a graduate of Lane Hospital, San Francisco, as surgical nurse. It is to occupy the fourth floor of the new City Hall and is to have capacity for about thirty beds.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS, and inmates of various charitable institutions in Seattle are enjoying complimentary concerts given by members of the local Musicians' Union, as voted by that organization last month.

The women of Seattle are beginning to interest themselves in an effort to provide the city with a properly equipped ambulance system, which does not now exist.

CALIFORNIA

San Francisco.—The San Francisco Training School Alumnæ Association in its annual report shows an increase of membership. The meetings have been of interest, and a fund for sick nurses has been started. The first loss by death occurred when Mary Coghlan died on November 25, after being severely burned. The officers for 1909 are: president, B. Espeset: vice-presidents, N. Wilcox, H. Collins; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. L. J. French; assistant secretary, L. Briggin. A recent meeting of the association took the form of a welcome home to Sara Campbell, returning after her thrilling experience in being shipwrecked and living on Christmas Island for ten weeks before being rescued.

Los Angeles.—The California Hospital Nurses' Alumnæ Association held its regular monthly meeting on February 1, at the directory headquarters. The resignation of Miss Gelbert as secretary was accepted and Miss Franklin was elected to fill her place. The amendment to the constitution, changing the time of meeting from the first Monday of the month to the last was voted upon and carried.

Mrs. Constance Wilson, class of 1903, California Hospital, is night superintendent of the Clara Barton Hospital. Miss Peterson has a position in the California Hospital of Sacramento.

CANADA

Toronto.—The Toronto General Hospital Training School for Nurses has cause for gratitude and congratulation in the safe return and heroic conduct of one of the members of its alumnæ, Miss M. Tweedie, class of 1894, who was a passenger on the wrecked steamer *Republic*.

From the account given in *The Globe* of Toronto we read the following: "Among the incidents which have been related regarding the sinking of the *Rcpublic* there is none more creditable than that in which Miss Tweedie was the central figure. While the passengers of the *Rcpublic* were standing on the Captain's deck with life-boats ready to lower, Miss Tweedie asked and obtained permission to visit her state-room to secure life-preservers for the three members of Colonel Mason's family (one of whom was her patient) and also herself. Groping her way down through the passages of the unfamiliar steamer, now in total darkness, she finally secured four life-belts, but could only carry two of these up the narrow staircase which led to the Captain's deck where all were assembled. Some one, meantime, had appropriated one of the belts she had left at the foot of the stair, thereby necessitating another trip down the dark

passages and stairs in order to secure a life-belt for herself. Later she heard of a poor Italian in the steerage, weeping bitterly because he could secure no life-preserver. So once more, although warned to make all possible haste as the vessel was in great danger, Miss Tweedie descended into the darkness, and finding the Italian, gave up her life-belt to him."

At the regular meeting of the alumnæ association, held at the Toronto General Hospital on the afternoon of February 3, Miss Tweedie gave a graphic account of the experiences she encountered from the time of the collision between the Republic and the Florida, until they landed on the pier in New York, where they were obliged to keep in a continual whirl to avoid the various cameras levelled at them. At the close of Miss Tweedie's address the president of the association, Miss L. Bowerman, in a few brief remarks, called the attention of the association to the fact that Miss Tweedie had said absolutely nothing about herself. Miss Bowerman then said that the association had heard that Miss Tweedie had lost her alumnæ brooch on the ill-fated steamer, and therefore had commissioned her, on behalf of the society to present Miss Tweedie with a new one, which she was asked to accept as a slight token of their appreciation of her brave and self-sacrificing conduct.

MINNIE SAMSON, class of 1907, Toronto General Hospital, has been appointed head nurse, Maternity Department. Margaret Thomson, class of 1908, has been appointed head nurse, Nervous Wards. Nellie Minns, class of 1908, is acting night supervisor. Grace Hodgson, class of 1893, late night supervisor, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed superintendent, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital (Episcopal), Washington, D. C.

THE NURSES OF THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN were given a dance on February 5.

BIRTHS

AT Philadelphia, a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Sloan. Mrs. Sloan was Grace Thatcher, class of 1898, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia.

In January, at Carnduff, Saskatchewan, a son to Dr. and Mrs. Brereton. Mrs. Brereton was Nellie Ross, class of 1904, Toronto General Hospital.

Ar Philadelphia, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rudderow. Mrs. Rudderow was Mary B. Cameron, class of 1904, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia.

MARRIAGES

MATHILDA HJELM, graduate of Augustana Hospital, Chicago, to Mr. Joenson, Sweden.

AUGUSTA Anderson, graduate of Augustana Hospital, Chicago, to Charles Sackerson, Seattle, Washington.

JOHANNA NELSON, formerly assistant superintendent of nurses at Augustana Hospital, Chicago, to C. A. Hanson, Red Oak, Iowa.

On October 28, Ethel Carver, class of 1901, Indianapolis City Hospital, to W. H. Baker, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Baker will live at South Bend.

On October 10, 1908, at North East, Pennsylvania, Alice Hampson, class of 1907, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, to Benjamin F. Ginder.

On February 3, at Toronto, Mildred Dean, class of 1907, Toronto General Hospital, to E. A. Dolson, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Dolson will reside in Toronto.

On December 17, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Caroline Gapp, class of 1906, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, to Walter Ross Dawson, of Roxborough.

On January 13, at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, S. Eleanor Merrill, class of 1900, Massachusetts General Hospital, to J. Waldo Burnham Taylor, of Boston.

IN February, in Baltimore, Mary Eyerly, graduate of St. Joseph's Training School, to Eugene Pessagno, M.D. They will live at 2314 East Baltimore Street.

On November 24, 1908, at Paradise, Pennsylvania, Mary Wenger, class of 1904, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, to Dr. Edwin Barclay Miller, of Altoona.

IN December, Katherine MacKinnon, graduate of Mercy Hospital Training School, Chicago, to Ralph C. Fiss. Mr. and Mrs. Fiss will live in Oshkosh. Wisconsin.

On January 27, at Columbia, South Carolina, Emily L. Pinckney, class of 1906, Columbia Hospital, to Harry H. Griffin, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Griffin will live in Columbia.

ON January 2, in St. Peter's Church, Toronto, Kathleen Alice Smith, class of 1904, Toronto General Hospital, to Walter H. Taylor, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor will live in Thessalon.

On December 16, Grace Madeline Collins, class of 1908, Mercy Hospital Training School, Chicago, to Frederick C. Ridman, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Ridman will live in Mason City, Iowa.

On December 17, at Orchard House, St. Catherines. Ontario, Lilla J. Sheppard, class of 1891, Toronto General Hospital, to William O. Stewart, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart will live at Guelph.

On January 5, Maude Wallington, class of 1902, Grace Hospital, Detroit, to D. D. Frisbee. After spending the winter in California, Dr. and Mrs. Frisbee will live at 39 Atkinson Avenue, Detroit.

On January 5, at Marietta, Pennsylvania, Minerva Mumma, class of 1901, University of Pennsylvania Hospital, to Charles H. Hancock. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock will live at 940 Riverside Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

DEATHS

AT her home in Chicago, after a lingering illness, Mary Butler, class of 1896, Mercy Hospital.

At Atlantic City, of endocarditis, Margaret R. Anderson, class of 1906, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia.

At her home in Chicago, of heart trouble, Mrs. J. Ronan, formerly Geraldine Curry, class of 1895, Mercy Hospital.

Ox February 1, after a lingering illness of scarlet fever, Nora Reid, class of 1908, S. R. Smith Infirmary, Staten Island.

ON February 4, at Fairhaven, Massachusetts, of pneumonia, Marianne A. Hirst, class of 1901, St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford.

AT Washington, D.C., accidentally, from asphyxiation, Mrs. Bremerman, formerly Hebe Cutts, class of 1901, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia.

 O_N February 7, at Detroit, Martha Collier, class of 1894, Farrand Training School. Miss Collier was an efficient member of the alumnæ association of her school.

ON January 8, at Boston City Hospital, Mrs. John Howard, who was Connie Golden, class of 1906, Boston Medical Mission Hospital, class of 1907, Boston Floating Hospital.